GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2013
REPAIRING OF NH-104 AND NH-105
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of National Highways-104 and 105 is very dilapidated in Bihar and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether these NHs are proposed to be widened, strengthened and extended; and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) whether there is any delay in the said works and if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government against the companies and the time by which repairing/ development work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work on East-West Corridor has been completed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the sections/places where work is still incomplete along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken or being taken by the Government for speedy completion on the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (c) The condition of NH-104 having a length of 216 kms in Bihar is traffic worthy except in 78 kms. Widening and strengthening of the stretch from km. 0 to 40 has been sanctioned in February, 2013 and tendering process initiated. Widening of the remaining stretch from km. 41/0 to 216/0 is included in the World Bank assistance programme for which DPR is completed. Maintenance of the NH is taken up through Periodical Renewal and Ordinary Repairs as per site requirement and availability of funds. 46 Km length of NH-104 have been indentified for Periodical Renewal in 2013-14. As regards NH 105 the entire length of 54 kms in Bihar has been taken up for widening/strengthening. However, the progress is slow due to delay in forest clearance. Keeping in view the condition of the NH, the State PWD has issued notice to the contractor, who is now attending to repair work as per contract conditions.

(d) to (e) Four laning of entire length of East West Corridor has been completed except an aggregate length of 195 kms under implementation in the States of Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and an aggregate length of 232 kms yet to be awarded in the States of Assam and West Bengal. The delays are mainly due to problem such as land acquisition, environment and forest clearance, approval for Rail over Bridge, law and order problem, poor performance of the contractor, economic slow down and contractual issues. In order to expedite the completion of the projects the works are closely reviewed at Center and State levels and adequate powers have been delegated at field level.